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Havana, Feb. 16.—Private advices received here state that an engagement recently occurred between General Gomez's troops and Spanish troops commanded by Colonel Arjona, who were on their way from Arroya Blanco to Ciego Avila. It is reported that General Gomez was wounded in the arm and in the leg and in the same place in which he was wounded last year. Leader Roses took command of the insurgent forces, it is stated, until the arrival of General Carrillo. According to the same reports the horse upon which General Gomez was mounted was killed.

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HUNG A MILLIONAIRE.

Arthur Duestrow Expiates His Fearful Crime.

HE GOES TO HIS DEATH DECLARING THAT THE WRONG MAN WAS TO BE PUNISHED FOR THE CRIME—HE LONG KEPT UP THE IDEA THAT HE WAS INSANE AND AT THE LAST MOMENT PRACTICED THE DECEPTION.

Union, Mo., Feb. 16.—On a scaffold erected in the Franklin county jail yard in this village, under a clear and sunny sky, surrounded by about one hundred persons, the majority being physicians, newspaper men or deputy sheriffs, Arthur Duestrow, of St. Louis, was legally executed today for the murder of his wife and little son in that city three years ago.

The condemned man, who has simulated insanity since the day of the crime, kept his role until last evening, when, by his questions and answers, it was evident that he keenly realized that the end was near and that his own efforts and those of his attorneys, aided by an abundance of wealth, were without avail in the battle for life.

Before he lay down to sleep last night Duestrow asked one of the guards what hour was fixed for the execution, but the latter expressed ignorance; whereupon Duestrow smiled significantly and turned away. Later in the evening Sheriff Puchta asked Duestrow if he wished to see a minister or priest. The murderer turned away with the sneering reply: "I have no use for them."

He then lay down on his cot and was soon asleep. He slept almost without interruption until nearly 5 o'clock this morning. He did not arise, however, until about 7 o'clock, but tossed restlessly from side to side as he consumed cigarettes one after another. He arose shortly after 7 o'clock and then for the first time in years he broke down and his usual air of haughty indifference gave way to one of despair. He begged the guards to save him from his fate and requested that messages be sent to Governor Stephens interceding in his behalf. To nearly every visitor and attendant he appealed for assistance, and asked that the following telegram be sent to ex-Governor Johnson, his counsel, in St. Louis:

"I am in a predicament; intercede with Governor Stephens for me immediately. I now need your advice. I was insane but it did me no good. I have nothing left but hope for forgiveness."

This was signed "General Bradenburg," a name and character assumed by Duestrow during the past few months. The murderer ate a scanty breakfast and when it was finished threw himself on his cot and gave way to a burst of tears.

He sobbed convulsively and cried out frequently: "Oh, God! This is terrible."

He appealed to the deputy sheriffs to procure him a bottle of brandy, but the request was not granted. It would have been his first drink since the day of the tragedy had it been given him.

About 10 o'clock the murderer having become more composed, he repeated his request for brandy and it was given him. Shortly before 1 o'clock Sheriff Puchta notified him that his last hour had arrived and in a few minutes the guards announced that all was in readiness for the execution.

The sheriff gave the order to proceed and the march to the scaffold began, the sheriff leading the way, followed by Duestrow with a deputy sheriff on each side, and a large crowd of newspaper men and doctors.

Duestrow was apparently unconcerned, and when he had mounted the scaffold he showed no nervousness. After the ropes had been placed about his legs the sheriff asked him if he had anything to say. He replied: "Nothing, but that a big mistake is being made."

Then as the rope was being adjusted about his neck he asked: "May I say a few words?" The sheriff gave assent and Duestrow spoke in almost a whisper as follows:

"I wish to say that a big mistake is being made here. I am General Bradenburg, of the United States army. I am not the man whom you accuse. I am not a murderer of a woman and a child. I now stand before you, sir, bound and tied like a criminal; but I am innocent of any crime. I go in peace to my Lord. I want to say that I thank my attorney, ex-Governor Johnson, of St. Louis, for what he has done for me."

The condemned man hesitated, as if about to talk more, but Sheriff Puchta raised his hand; the black cap was placed over Duestrow's head and the cord drawn tightly.

Duestrow shouted to one of the deputies: "Good-bye, Simon," and the trap was sprung. The black form of the man fell through the hole. The neck was not broken, and eight minutes after 1 o'clock he was pronounced dead.

The body was turned over to an undertaker, representing a sister of the dead man, and will be taken and interred alongside the murderer's father in Bellefontaine Cemetery. The undertaker stated that he had positive instruction not to embalm the body and this is taken as evidence that a post-mortem examination will be made to determine the condition of his brain.

Duestrow was in receipt of an income of \$10,000 for life. He was studying medicine in St. Louis, but had practically given himself up to drink and the bawdy houses. On the day of the murder he had made an engagement with his wife to take her sleigh riding. When he went to keep his appointment he was drunk and quarrelsome and abused the servant who admitted him to the house. His wife endeavored to draw his attention from the servant, when he turned upon her, shot her four times and then held up his baby against the wall and put a ball through its head.

A fortune has been spent in the effort to clear Duestrow on the grounds of insanity. There have been five continuances, one mistrial, one appeal and one change of venue.

The case attracted wide attention and has established many precedents by court rulings upon insanity pleas in defense.

ANTI-SCALPING BILL.

Presented to the Senate With Many Amendments

Washington, Feb. 16.—The anti-scalping bill was reported to the Senate this morning with several material amendments, none of which have been antagonized by the railroad companies. The bill, as amended, makes it unlawful for any one to sell railroad tickets, except persons authorized by such companies by proper certificate so to do.

An exception permits the purchaser of the ticket in good faith, in the prosecution of a journey, to sell the ticket he has purchased. The original bill provides that railroad companies shall redeem upon presentation at the general office of the road a ticket, or any part of such a ticket as may be unused by the purchaser, at a rate equal to the difference between the rate paid for the whole ticket and the cost of a ticket of the same class between the points for which it was actually used.

An amendment made to this requires the railroad companies to redeem the whole ticket in like manner in the event that the purchaser should be unable to use it.

Another provision for protection of brokers who may have a stock of tickets on hand requires all roads to redeem every legal ticket outstanding within thirty days after the passage of the act.

The forging of railroad tickets is made a felony, punishable by a fine of not more than \$3,000 for each offense and imprisonment for not more than two years.

TWO MEN HUNG.

Two Murderers Meet Their Fate on the Gallows.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16.—Two men met death on the gallows in the jail at Clayton, a suburb of this city, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. The first to be executed was Peter Schmidt, a pale-faced 78-year-old lad, and the other was Samuel Foster, a big burly negro, aged about 30 years.

Schmidt ascended the scaffold firmly and maintained a stubborn attitude throughout the preliminaries to the execution. The drop fell at 7:05 o'clock and in 12 minutes he was pronounced dead. The body was cut down and the scaffold was again prepared for Foster.

At 7:30 the latter, who had occupied the early morning hours in alternately singing hymns and praying for mercy was led into the jail yard. He trembled violently and had to be supported up the steps. The trap was sprung at about 7:40 and the execution was successful.

The pair in company with John Schmidt, a cousin of Peter, waylaid a young artist named Atwater, who was on his way to visit his sweetheart. Atwater resisted and was shot dead within a short distance of his sweetheart's door. John Schmidt will be hanged March 18 for his share of the crime.

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NO PRICE FIXED.

The Naval Sub-Committee Recommends a Lump Sum for Armor.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The sub-committee of the House committee on naval affairs, charged with the preparation of the bill making appropriations for the naval establishment for the year ending June 19, 1898, will probably be ready to report to the full committee to-morrow.

The work has been delayed beyond the usual time because of the controversy over the price to be paid for the armor plate for the ships Illinois, Alabama and Wisconsin, authorized to be constructed in the bill for the current year. This has been a most perplexing question and the sub-committee have been unable to reach an agreement.

It was finally determined to-day to abandon the effort to fix a price and to insert a lump sum to be expended by the Secretary of the Navy for the purchase of the armor plates. This will enable that official to make the best terms possible for each vessel.

The amount of the appropriation will be fixed by the sub-committee to-morrow, when the chief of ordnance will furnish a statement to the committee. The insertion of a specific price per ton will be carefully avoided. The sub-committee, under the proviso for increase of the navy, will recommend one battleship.

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SHERMAN RETURNS.

His Mysterious Disappearance From Lynchburg Created Much Talk.

Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 16.—John W. Sherman, a newspaper man of this city, who mysteriously disappeared from here on December 15, returned to-day with his wife, who had gone to Orangeburg, S. C., for him.

RHODES ON THE RACK.

The Invasion of the Transvaal Under Investigation.

THE ACTIVE PROMOTER OF THE RAID ADMITS THAT HE WAS INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INVASION LED BY DR. JAMESON—GIVES IT AS HIS OPINION THAT THE SITUATION IN THE BOER REPUBLIC NEEDS PROMPT ATTENTION.

London, Feb. 16.—A committee recently appointed to inquire into the causes of the troubles in the Transvaal began its sittings to-day. The committee room was crowded with privileged persons, among whom was the Prince of Wales, who showed great interest in the proceedings.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes, formerly prime minister of the Cape Colony and the active director of the affairs of the British South Africa Chartered Company, was put on the stand as first witness. Mr. Rhodes read a long statement detailing the occurrences in British South Africa and the Transvaal prior to the raid led by Dr. Jameson into the Boer territory and dwelt on the general feeling of discontent which had arisen as a consequence of the corrupt management of the Transvaal government and its refusal to concede the rights of Uitlanders. He was in sympathy with the Uitlanders in their grievances and he had placed on the frontier under orders of Jameson a force of troops with instructions to act should certain events arise.

Mr. Rhodes admitted that he had not communicated to the directors of the chartered company a notice of all his actions, which were made in perfect good faith under the influence of his belief that it was the intention of the Transvaal government to introduce into the Boer republic the influence of a foreign power.

At this point Sir William Harcourt interrupted Mr. Rhodes and asked: "Was it your object to overthrow the Transvaal government?"

Mr. Rhodes replied that the overthrow of the government was not his object, but merely to bring about a change. He admitted the probability of his having done wrong in placing Dr. Jameson with his men on the frontier, but Jameson's invasion of the Transvaal had gone into the Boer territory without his permission.

Witness was asked if he had informed the British commissioner in South Africa, Lord Rosemeade, of his designs and replied that he had not.

Sir Wm. Harcourt asked why he had not informed the British high commissioner, and Mr. Rhodes answered: "You had better get the answer to that question from Lord Rosemeade."

Mr. Rhodes would not say that the measures he had taken had brought about the revolution in the Transvaal. He admitted, however, that he had supplied some of the funds used in preparing and carrying out Jameson's raid, but he could not say who supplied the rest. He denied that he had pressed the Johannesburgers into acts of insurrection. What pressure there may have been was not from outside, but from within. It was impossible, he said, that the present state of things in Johannesburg and other parts of the Transvaal should continue. The people would not cease their agitation until they obtained their social rights.

The examination of Mr. Rhodes occupied the entire sitting and the committee adjourned until Friday.

Spring Hats at Walter S. Langdon's WILL VOTE SATURDAY.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The House committee on coinage, weights and measures has agreed to take a vote on Saturday next on the Senate bill providing for the appointment of United States delegates to an international monetary conference. Further arguments will be heard before the vote is taken. In the course of hearing the report Mr. Quigg, of New York, opposed the proposition of a monetary conference. President elect McKinley, he said, probably had a policy of his own, and he should not be handicapped. It was a measure which had been passed by the Senate, a body which had rejected every Republican measure sent to this Congress. The proceedings of such a conference might disturb business again and hinder the new tariff bill in restoring prosperity.

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MAY ANNUL THE LEASE.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—The house to-day passed the bill prescribing the terms upon which foreign railroad corporations may do business in the State and authorizing the governor to bring suit to annul the ninety-nine year lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern railway. The vote was 60 to 54. The Populists, with one exception, voted for the bill. A majority of the Republicans and Democrats opposed it.

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THE GOVERNOR GOT MAD.

He Ordered a Negro Legislator Out of His Office.

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The Tribune to-morrow will print the following: The report that has gone out from here that Governor Russell and Representative Howe, colored, had had a personal difficulty on the street is not true. The report grew out of an interview at the executive office yesterday afternoon.

Representative Sutton, a colleague of Howe, and a law partner of Governor Russell, called upon Mr. Howe and said the governor desired to see him. Upon their arrival at the office they were ushered into the presence of the governor, when Mr. Sutton explained that Representative Howe was a little undecided on the question of the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern, and he thought he (the governor) could explain to him so that he would vote right.

Representative Howe, one of the most intelligent colored men in the State, resented this and said that he had made up his mind to vote against the bill and in favor of the lease, but he would be glad to hear anything the governor had to say about the matter.

At this point Governor Russell hurriedly rose from his chair and advanced toward him and exclaimed: "You do—seem to get out of here. You have sold out to the Southern."

Mr. Howe expressed his surprise at being thus addressed by the Governor of North Carolina after he had been invited to his office; whereupon the governor further abused him and ordered him out.

When the roll was being called in the house Mr. Howe rose to explain his vote. He undertook to tell the story of his interview with the governor and when he got as far as "the tyrannical and overbearing manner" of the governor and the paid attorney of the Seaboard Air Line, Representative Sutton, of Cumberland, and Representative Hancock and others jumped to their feet and interrupted Howe to such an extent that the latter's time was consumed before he could tell the story.

It is believed that his vote would have been different and against the bill if Howe had been permitted to finish.

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MR. BRYAN WINS.

His Fight Successful Against the Gold Clause Bonds.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—The somewhat celebrated gold bond injunction suit in which W. J. Bryan sought to restrain the mayor and city council from delivering \$354,500 bonds, with a gold clause attached, to ex-City Treasurer Stephenson, was to-day decided by the supreme court, and Mr. Bryan's position was sustained.

Nearly two years ago a proposition to vote bonds was submitted and carried by a bare majority. The city council contracted for their purchase with Stephenson, who insisted on a gold clause, which was allowed.

Mr. Bryan enjoined the sale on the grounds that the bonds were illegal and, further, that the city charter prohibited discrimination between gold and currency bonds.

The district judge decided in his favor and the city appealed. The supreme court affirms the decision of the lower court, laying stress on the fact that the bonds were illegally declared carried.

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THE NEW REGISTER.

Mr. Richardson, of Smythe County, Appointed by the Governor.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 16.—Governor O'Ferrall to-day appointed J. W. Richardson, of Smythe county, register of the land office, to succeed Sidney P. Epes, elected to Congress from the Fourth district.

WILL MOVE TO RICHMOND.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The announcement is made that Wayland Seminary will be moved to Richmond, Va., at the close of the spring term. There was a movement on foot to sell the present site and build near Anacostia, but it has failed. The present site was purchased for 19 cents a foot. It is now valued at \$3 per foot, and as there are 50,000 feet, it will realize a neat sum. The principal reason for the change is that the majority of the students, who are colored, come from Virginia, and it will be easier for them to attend a school at Richmond than here. The seminary is under the control of the American Baptist Home Association, which has two other schools in Richmond.

NO NOTICE GIVEN.

New York, Feb. 16.—George R. Blanchard, commissioner of the Joint Traffic Association, said to-day: "The reduction of rates by the Cumberland Gap Dispatch, a freight line operated by the Norfolk and Western railroad, is a cut pure and simple. No notice of it was given to the Joint Traffic Association. The cut could not be considered by the board of managers of the association to-day because there was no quorum. It will be considered when there is a quorum."

SHE CAN SAIL.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Treasury Department late this afternoon decided to authorize the collector of customs at Philadelphia to issue clearance papers for the Bermuda to sail, provided the proper affidavit of intention of sailing destination is made. This action is taken on advice of District Attorney Beck, of Philadelphia, who, under instructions from Washington, examined all the facts in the case.

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HE SPOKE THREE HOURS.

Mr. Chandler Made an Earnest Plea For Bimetallism.

HE SAYS FALLING VALUES ARE THE RESULT OF DEMONETIZATION OF SILVER—HE RELIES ON AID FROM SENATOR SHERMAN IN THE ADMINISTRATION—SAYS REPUBLICANS WILL GO INTO OBIVION UNLESS BIMETALLISM IS ADVANCED.

Washington, Feb. 16.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Chandler spoke for three hours in support of his resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard; and he succeeded in keeping the attention of Senators from the opening to the close of the speech.

He attributed the fall of values in this and other countries for the last twenty years to the progressive steps in the demonetization of silver, and estimated the depreciation of property in the United States since the census of 1890, when it was at fifteen thousand millions of dollars, at 35 per cent. He asked whether such continuous shrinkage of property and increasing burden of debt could be endured without widespread bankruptcy.

If it had not been for the fortunate balance of trade in favor of the United States in 1896 there would have been, he asserted, a cataclysm in this country which would have prostrated all interests.

"To the system of bimetallism from which we departed," he said, "we must return; and I trust that we are already on the road."

He quoted Senator Sherman's speech on silver in 1876, in which it was said that nothing but the act of God could prevent the use of both gold and silver among the nations, and he facetiously anticipated the aid which Mr. Sherman would give to the cause of bimetallism as the leader of the new administration.

He believed that the new administration would, by wise counsels and virtuous deeds, prolong indefinitely the ascendancy of the Republican party; but said that if it should content itself with enjoying the spoils of office, treating bimetallism as a "juggling humbug," the tide of political battle would be once more turned against the Republicans and they would soon exchange places with their now sore, bleeding and prostrate foes.

"Unsettled questions," he closed by saying, "pay no heed to the repose of nations. Be wise to-day. 'Tis madness to defer."

Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would move to go into executive session to-morrow on the arbitration treaty and that he hoped then to get final action on it.

The bankruptcy bill was taken up and Mr. Hoar, chairman of the judiciary committee, pleaded for it in a half hour speech.

No action was taken, and the Senate at 5:20 p. m. adjourned.

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